Honeysuckle

Today on Gardening in a Minute: honeysuckle.

Honeysuckle is a great addition to any Florida garden. Just make sure you choose the native coral honeysuckle and not the invasive Japanese honeysuckle.

Coral honeysuckle is known for the clusters of bright red tubular flowers that it produces throughout spring and summer. There are also yellow flowered varieties. The flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies and then mature into berries that draw songbirds in late summer and fall.

You can tell the difference between the native and invasive by looking at the flowers. The native coral honeysuckle has orange or red flowers and the invasive kind has white flowers.

Honeysuckle tolerates most soil types and conditions, but performs best in slightly acidic soil. And although it will grow in partial shade, it blooms best if given full sun.

For more information about honeysuckle and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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